

Lines to W. B.

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What friendly greeting shall I bring to thee?
What earnest blessing on thy head invoke?
I need not wish thy body liberty — son's joy.
Nor that thy ~~slave~~ soul were freed from thine
For thou, long since, each hateful chain hast broke
And unto thee the Freedom pure is known
To bow submissive but to God alone.
— A gentle whisper to my spirit spoke, —
"Ask that the measure dealt to him by Heaven
Be that he metes to others, so shall love
Mercy & sweet forgiveness from above
Be to his hearth & to his household given.
The peace he seeks through all the earth to ^{spread} shed
Shall through his heart & over his home be shed.

A. W. W.

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Translation of lines composed by the
Poet Körner,
while he lay wounded in a forest, expecting
to die.

This Smarten wound - these lips so pale & chill,
My heart with faint & fainter beatings, says
I stand upon the borders of my days.
Amen! my God! I own thy holy will.
The Golden ^{happy dream} that once my soul did fill -
The songs of mirth I become a funeral lays
Faith! faith! that truth which all my spirit
Yonder as here must live within me still. ^{Shift}
And what I held as sacred here below
What I embroiled with grief & youthful ^{glow}
Whether I called it - liberty, or love ^{Shift}
A seraph bright - see I stand above
And as my senses slowly pass away
A breath transports me to the realms of ^{day}

G. H.